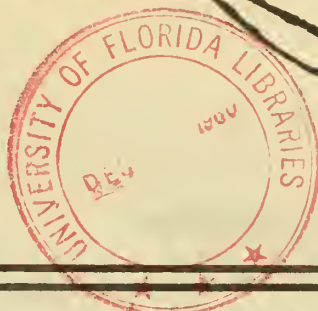


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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers and heifers closed higher for the sixth straight week to advance prices to the highest levels since May. Slaughter steers and heifers closed strong to 75¢ higher at most midwest terminals with the exception of Chicago where steers sold steady to 50¢ lower, the decline on Prime and all grades over 1400#. Cows sold strong to 75¢ higher; stockers and feeders strong to \$1.00 higher. Barrows and gilts closed unevenly 25-75¢ lower with sales at St. Louis 75¢-\$1.25 off; sows largely 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Slaughter lambs sold largely steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 25¢ higher at Denver, Omaha and Sioux City. The advance at Omaha limited to woolled lambs.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Moderate marketings of cattle at midwest terminals and higher carcass beef prices at major wholesale meat centers had a decidedly bullish effect on trading as slaughter steer and heifer prices advanced for the sixth consecutive week. Receipts at the 12 markets were 19 percent larger than the holiday shortened previous week but were little different from the average volume of recent weeks. Slaughter steers sold strong to 75¢ higher with advances of fully 50¢ rather general. The only major exception was Chicago where Prime steers and all grades over 1400# were 25-50¢ lower. Heifers were strong to 75¢ higher. Rather sharp price advances on cow beef influenced a 25-75¢ advance on this class while bulls were steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers were \$1.00 higher at St. Louis and steady at St. Paul. Good and Choice grades continued to predominate in the slaughter steer and heifer supplies at most points. However, an increased volume of Good short fed steers was received at several terminals. The percentage of Prime in the slaughter steer supply at Chicago was reduced from 22 to 15 percent and only a limited number grading Prime were on offer at other terminals.

Bulk of the Choice and Prime steers brought \$26.50-28.75 in Chicago with four loads Prime from \$28.90-29.00 early in the week. At other points a few loads of mixed Choice and Prime went at \$27.25-28.00, few Prime to \$28.50 in Indianapolis. Bulk high-Good and Choice sold from \$24.75-27.00. Choice steer yearlings reached \$28.00 in Chicago and at several terminals Choice 1400-1600# steers sold from \$25.00-26.50. Good steers sold at \$23.25-25.00, few to \$26.00. Several loads of mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers brought \$26.50-27.50 in Chicago and a few mixed Choice and Prime \$26.00-26.25 elsewhere. Bulk of the Choice heifers cashed at \$24.25-25.75 with some high-Choice to \$26.50 in Chicago. Good heifers sold from \$21.50-24.75. Utility and Commercial cows brought \$14.00-16.50; Canner and Cutter \$11.50-14.00, few Cutter to \$15.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES -

There was no let-up in the good demand which featured the market for stocker and feeder cattle and calves during all of October and November. Prices for the week in review continued to follow the stronger trend which now has been in effect almost without interruption for fully two months. Seasonally moderated numbers at midwest terminals sold readily on a steady to 50¢ higher basis. At Kansas City the market was strong to \$1.00 higher while Oklahoma City was 50¢-\$1.00 higher and Fort Worth mostly \$1.00-2.50 up. Favorable weather conditions this fall coupled with abundant supplies of feeds have been factors creating a widespread demand for both stockers and feeders but the dominant influence in triggering off the extremely aggressive competition at progressively stronger prices the past two months has been the upsurge in slaughter cattle prices.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$22.00-26.25, majority \$23.00-25.50. Load Choice and Fancy 911# cashed at \$26.50. Choice 1083# steers went for further feeding at \$24.90. Medium and low-Good feeders sold from \$20.00-23.00. Good and Choice yearling stock steers bulked at \$23.00-27.00 with many 650-775# at \$26.00-26.50. Choice 693# reached \$27.20 and few loads Choice 500-600# short yearlings \$28.00-29.00. Medium and low-Good stockers brought \$20.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from \$21.50-24.50, load Choice 550# \$26.00. Good and Choice steer calves bulked at \$25.00-32.00, few loads Choice and Fancy \$32.50-33.25. Majority Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$22.00-28.50, two loads high-Choice 325-340# \$29.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts expanded 51 percent over the previous holiday shortened week but were 18 percent short of the corresponding week a year ago. Marketings of slightly under 400,000 head at the twelve markets were the largest for any week since the first week in December, 1959. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 and 2-3 190-240# barrows and gilts comprised the bulk of the supply with a substantial showing of 230-260# at western Corn Belt centers. A moderate number of butchers scaling over 260# also were marketed at these western points. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 233#, unchanged from the previous week, but 3# above a year ago. Increased receipts along with lower prices in the dressed trade influenced lower prices at the live level. Due to the increased supply and at some points an increase in butchers over 230#, grade and weight became a more important price determining factor and sorting for both grade and weight was more pronounced than during recent months. Barrows and gilts closed 25¢-75¢ lower with sales at

St. Louis 75¢-\$1.25 off; sows steady to \$1.25 lower, mainly 50¢-\$1.00 off.

At the close U. S. No. 1, and 1-2, and at some points uniform in weight U. S. 1-3, 190-240# barrows and gilts bulked at \$17.50-18.25, with U. S. 1, 190-225# at Indianapolis up to \$18.50. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-250# butchers sold largely at \$17.00-17.75, with an extreme range of \$16.75-18.00. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$13.00-15.50, some U. S. 1-2, 250-330# \$15.75-16.00 at a few points.

Feeder pigs declined 50¢ at St. Paul but were fully steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul brought \$16.50-17.00, with same grades 130-170# at Sioux City \$15.50 to mostly \$16.00, few \$16.25-16.50.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were little changed from the previous week, but 13 percent less than a year earlier. Marketings included an increased showing of butchers over 220#. Sows made up slightly more than 8 percent of the supply. Barrows and gilts under 220# were 25-65¢ lower, mostly 50¢ off while heavier weights declined 50-85¢. Sows were 40-55¢ lower. U. S. No. 1-3 200-230# barrows and gilts sold late in the week at \$16.50-17.25 with limited volume mainly No. 1-2 at \$16.65-17.50. U. S. No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$13.95-16.15, No. 2-3 400-550#, \$12.45-14.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets were 51 percent more than the previous week, but slightly less than a year earlier. Good demand and higher prices prevailed for slaughter lambs on early rounds but from midweek on, demand narrowed considerably and the initial upturns were more than erased at most markets. Fairly liberal slaughter lamb marketings and lower prices on dressed lamb were bearish factors influencing the live trade. Slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 25¢ higher at Omaha, Sioux City, and Denver. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher, Feeder lambs were mostly steady to strong with sales 50-75¢ higher at St. Paul.

Choice and Prime 90-112# woolled slaughter lambs brought \$16.50-17.50, sparingly \$17.75-18.25 on late sessions; Good and Choice \$15.00-17.00; Utility and Good \$12.00-16.00. Choice and Prime 88-112# shorn slaughter lambs, No. 1, 2 and fall shorn pelts, \$16.50-17.00, few to \$17.25; Choice and Prime 115# lambs with fall shorn pelts \$15.50 at Sioux Falls. Good and Choice 86-108# shorn lambs \$15.00-16.50, few \$16.75-17.00. Utility to Choice slaughter yearlings and 2-year-old wethers sold from \$10.00-14.50. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-6.00, mainly \$3.50-6.00.

Choice 72-78# western feeders brought \$17.50-18.00, latter price at Sioux City; Good and Choice \$15.50-17.25. Good and Choice 50-70# native feeders \$14.00-16.00 at Omaha. Medium and Good feeders \$13.50-16.00. Consignment Good and Choice 85# ewe breeding lambs \$18.00 at

Denver. Few Good and Choice solid mouth breeding ewes \$6.00-7.00 per cwt.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior-Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were 9 percent less than the previous week but 15 percent over a year ago. Slaughter lambs were fully 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. Slaughter ewes were steady. One major packing interest was out of the market after midweek.

On Friday, Choice with some Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$16.00-16.50 delivered to packing plants; high yielding lambs reached \$17.00 in one section; Choice and Prime 105-115# woolled lambs \$15.00-16.25; Good and Choice 80-110# \$14.50-16.25. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn slaughter lambs, No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, \$15.50-16.00; Good and Choice \$14.50-15.75. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes sold from \$2.00-4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was very active with sales confirmed on over 800 loads. Prices were strong to \$1.00 higher, most late transactions 50¢-\$1.00 up. Many contracts called for January delivery. Stocker and feeder cattle strong; slaughter lambs firm to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: In California, 3 loads Choice 900-975# \$26.00, 2 loads for January delivery; loadlots high-Good and Choice 800-1250# over California, Arizona and Utah \$23.75-25.50, bulk late at \$24.50-25.00; 6 loads average to high-Choice with end of Prime 1250-1300# \$25.00; loadlots mostly Choice 1250-1400# \$22.50-23.50, mostly \$23.00-23.50; 5 loads high-Choice 1400-1475# \$22.25; Good 850-1300# \$22.80-24.00; Standard and Good 850-1100# \$20.00-22.50, bulk \$21.50-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: In California, load expected Choice 775# at January delivery \$25.00 and 2 loads average to high-Choice 900-950# \$24.25. Over California and Arizona, bulk high-Good and Choice 800-1100# \$23.00-24.00; 5 loads mostly Choice 1025# \$22.00 in Utah.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice stock calves and short yearlings in small lots \$26.00-26.50 on 450-530# steers, and \$22.00-23.00 on 468-495# heifers; 1,000 Good and Choice 330# mixed calves \$26.00 straight; Good and mixed Good and Choice 640-800# steers \$21.00-23.00; same grade 625-650# heifers \$20.75-21.75.

Lambs: In Utah, loadlots Choice with end of Prime 100-110# woolled slaughter lambs \$16.00-17.00, mostly \$16.50-17.00 late. In California few loads Choice and Prime 95-105# with fall shorn pelts \$17.25-17.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Demand for slaughter cattle was very good and trading direct at the feedlots was active throughout the week. Slaughter steers sold steady to 35¢ higher; heifers steady to 50¢ higher, mostly 25-40¢ up. A feature of this week's trading was that some packers made some purchases that are to be delivered in 2 to 3 weeks. In Colorado, 232 loads Choice 950-1375# slaughter steers \$25.50-26.85; 71 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1365# \$24.75-25.50; 2 loads mostly Standard Holsteins \$22.25. Thirty-six loads average and high-Choice 925-1065# slaughter heifers \$25.60-25.90, mostly \$25.75; 173 loads mostly Choice 900-1100# \$24.75-25.50, late sales \$25.00-25.50; 36 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1025# \$24.00-25.00, mostly \$24.50-25.00; 5 loads Good 900-1000# \$23.00-24.00.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves was very good and most sales made at strong prices. Wyoming: 900 Good and Choice calves, steers 325-385# \$26.50-28.50, heifers 290-325# \$24.50-25.50. Colorado: 325 Good and Choice 715-825# steers \$23.75-24.50. Few small lots Good and Choice 365-415# steer calves \$27.00-28.50, heifers 350-375# \$24.00-25.00.

Slaughter lambs sold fully steady with sales confirmed on 13,000 head. Choice and Prime 95-108# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.75-18.25, some Choice 92-105# \$17.00-17.75. Choice and Prime 100-110# shorn slaughter lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts \$17.00. Couple loads Utility and Good 125-135# slaughter ewes \$6.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Trading on slaughter cattle slow, Choice steers 50¢-\$1.00 higher, other steers and slaughter heifers steady. Stockers and feeders firm to \$1.00 higher with half the supply for March delivery. Thirteen loads Good to mostly Choice 1017-1050# slaughter steers \$25.50-26.00; 25 loads Good and Choice 1050-1150# \$23.60-24.50; 3 loads Standard and Good \$21.75-22.00; 8 loads Good to mostly Choice 950-1000# slaughter heifers \$23.30-24.30; 5 loads Good 816-1000# \$21.75-22.75. Around 900 Good 600-780# stocker and feeder steers \$23.00; 1,200 Good and Choice 575-750# for March delivery \$22.50-24.00; 1,300 Medium 700-950# \$17.00-21.00; Good 575-625# stock heifers \$21.00-22.00; 900 Good and Choice 550-600# for March delivery \$22.00-23.00; Good and Choice stock calves, steers \$25.00-28.75, heifers \$23.00-26.00; 220 Medium and Good stock cows, some with calves at side \$165.00-225.00 per head or pair; 160 Common and Medium stock cows \$11.00-12.00. Trading on lambs slow, steady. Around 700 Good to mostly Choice 98-100# slaughter lambs \$17.00 delivered; 2,000 Good and Choice 70-75# feeder lambs with fall shorn pelts \$15.00.

Amarillo area - Slaughter cattle steady to 50¢ higher; stockers and feeders also steady to 50¢ higher. Four loads mostly Good 950# slaughter steers \$24.00; few Standard \$22.00; 8 loads

Good 850-900# through January delivery \$22.50; 11 loads Good and Choice 890-1050# heifers \$23.00-23.80; 7 loads Standard and Good 700-840# mixed yearlings \$22.25-22.50. Good and Choice 650-950# stocker and feeder steers \$24.00-26.00; 2,900 Good and Choice 600-850# up to April delivery \$22.30-25.00; 300 Medium and Good 768-950# \$22.50-23.00; 2,300 600-800# up to May delivery \$20.50-22.00; 3,800 Good and Choice 500-700# heifer yearlings through May delivery \$21.80-23.75. Good and Choice 407-575# stock calves through January delivery \$25.00-28.25 on steers, \$24.00-26.00 on heifers. Good stock cows \$200.00 per head; Common \$125.00. Good and Choice bred heifers \$160.00-185.00 each.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers were active, 50¢-\$1.00 higher; stocker and feeder cattle and calves strong; slaughter and feeder lambs strong to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Washington and Oregon - Choice 950-1200# \$24.00-26.00; Good to mostly Choice 1000-1100# \$23.25-24.25; Choice 1200-1400# \$22.00-23.75. Idaho - Choice 1050-1150# \$24.25, January-March delivery; Choice 1050-1150# \$23.75-24.00, for up to Jan. 15 delivery.

Slaughter heifers: High-Good and Choice 850-950# \$22.00-23.75 for December delivery.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 340-500# calves, \$25.00-26.50 on steers, mostly \$22.00-23.00 on heifers; high-Good and Choice 350-400# steer calves \$27.00 in Oregon.

Slaughter lambs: Washington - Choice and Prime 100-107# woolled \$16.00-17.00 delivered Oregon; shorn No. 1 pelt \$15.60-16.00. Idaho - Choice and Prime 100-114# woolled \$16.50-17.00 f.o.b. Feeder lambs: Washington - Good and Choice 86# \$14.00 delivered short haul. Idaho - Choice 70-80# \$15.50-16.00.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Snow ranging from 1-7 inches was received early in the week. Direct trading was slow. Yearlings and calves sold \$1.00-2.00 higher; cows fully steady to strong. Slaughter and feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ higher. Montana: 100 Choice 800# feeder steers for early January delivery \$24.00; 250 Good mixed steers and heifers for April 1 delivery, expected weight at delivery 625#, steers \$25.00, heifers \$23.00; 174 Medium 646# steers \$17.75; 1,000 Good and Choice mixed age stock cows \$175.00 each. Northern Wyoming: 45 Good to mostly Choice 2-5-year-old cows \$200.00-210.00 each.

Calves: Montana - 400 Choice and Fancy 390-475# steers \$29.00-30.00; 115 Choice to mostly Fancy 400# heifers \$29.00; 1,700 Good and Choice mixed calves, steers 400-525# \$27.00-28.00, heifers 375-425# \$24.50-26.00. Northern Wyoming: 230 Good and Choice 275-400# steers \$26.00-29.00; 150 Choice 260-300# heifers \$27.00.

Sheep: Montana - 1,100 Good and Choice 96# feeder lambs \$15.00. Northern Wyoming: Load Choice 107# slaughter lambs \$17.75 delivered; 100 Good and Choice 85-90# ewe breeding lambs \$15.80.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec.3	Dec.5	Dec.3	Dec.5	Dec.3	Dec.5	Dec.3	Dec.5
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	36,507	42,723	457	347	43,817	57,166	10,870	11,365
Cincinnati	3,791	3,373	624	681	11,888	12,930	1,515	2,248
Denver	8,358	14,870	1,057	2,647	5,453	5,366	11,874	15,753
Fort Worth	9,877	6,196	2,138	2,402	2,297	2,631	10,859	10,309
Indianapolis	7,175	7,032	534	745	36,995	44,067	4,148	5,076
Kansas City	21,077	20,853	2,273	1,779	18,657	18,838	6,638	4,883
Oklahoma City	8,797	9,027	1,913	1,544	3,889	3,409	2,113	2,331
Omaha	41,262	39,938	2,054	2,222	57,260	68,812	15,013	16,260
St. Joseph	15,431	16,402	680	1,214	34,086	37,493	10,412	6,841
St. Louis NSY	15,627	16,046	2,478	2,452	63,798	79,073	7,489	6,912
Sioux City	34,163	34,482	4,912	6,455	50,716	66,107	11,030	12,643
S. St. Paul	25,324	22,698	13,356	12,020	65,107	83,535	20,565	23,191
Total	227,389	233,640	32,476	34,508	393,963	479,427	112,526	117,812
" Nov. 26, 1960	190,523		30,459		260,808		74,519	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

Dec. 3, 1960

Nov. 26, 1960

Dec. 5, 1959

Hogs

383,000

378,000

440,000

Sheep

30,000

32,900

26,000

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Five months	
	Dec. 1	Nov. 24	Dec. 3	Nov.	Nov.	July-Nov.	
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steers - 1001# up	945	523	380	2,692	2,547	10,799	17,386
901-1000	2,081	1,583	1,981	7,814	9,165	38,123	57,784
801-900	4,241	4,114	3,875	19,322	21,490	87,574	104,616
701-800	4,547	5,534	6,000	28,774	42,764	150,190	166,263
501-700	8,989	9,462	10,448	55,150	72,279	315,773	332,445
Total steers 10 markets	20,803	21,216	22,684	113,752	148,245	602,439	678,494
Av. wts. " " "	735#	719#	724#	715#	711#	705#	718#
Av. cost* " " "	23.82	\$23.30	\$23.05	\$22.97	\$23.73	\$21.90	\$25.32
" " " Chicago	22.00	21.82	23.14	22.49	25.46	22.76	26.23
" " " Kansas City	23.62	22.97	22.88	22.54	23.34	21.52	24.81
" " " Omaha	24.20	24.58	24.20	24.07	24.85	23.24	26.46
" " " S. St. Paul	22.05	20.47	21.04	21.13	21.80	21.17	23.75
" " " Sioux City	24.98	24.61	24.06	24.11	24.86	23.34	26.55
" " " Denver	24.11	24.39	24.04	23.76	24.63	22.82	25.61
" " " Ft. Worth	21.50	20.14	18.80	20.44	20.83	19.91	24.08
" " " Oklahoma City	22.69	21.72	21.39	21.43	21.76	19.93	24.11
" " " S. St. Joseph	22.31	20.94	21.91	21.60	22.32	20.76	24.69
" " " St. Louis NSY	22.46	21.97	21.80	21.24	22.79	20.72	24.15
Total calves - 10 markets	22,834	27,696	21,334	125,143	148,826	469,703	442,440
" heifers " "	3,275	3,577	3,753	18,509	24,768	106,347	124,668
" cows " "	2,476	3,296	2,257	12,256	8,425	27,250	23,236

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Dec. 2, 1960	2	50	16	12	13	39	7	8	25	70	73	58	55
Nov. 25, 1960	2	48	18	14	12	43	10	10	32	60	58	45	55
Dec. 4, 1959	2	48	18	14	14	21	7	20	30	60	60	55	60
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 2, 1960	5	8	9	9	16	7	17	10	40	15	11	17	12
Nov. 25, 1960	5	11	9	9	14	8	20	10	40	25	15	16	20
Dec. 4, 1959	5	9	7	7	12	8	23	22	25	25	10	16	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec. 1 1960	Dec. 3 1959	Dec. 1 1960	Dec. 3 1959	Dec. 1 1960	Dec. 3 1959	Dec. 1 1960	Dec. 3 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,787	2,358	15.4	7.9	1,248	1,240	28.24	27.48
Choice.....	14,804	19,670	60.2	66.2	1,176	1,162	27.10	26.09
Good.....	4,907	6,469	19.9	21.8	1,111	1,108	25.76	24.57
Standard.....	682	1,084	2.8	3.6	987	1,028	23.53	22.49
Commercial.....	--	36	--	.1	--	1,608	--	20.15
Utility.....	410	103	1.7	.4	1,020	1,034	21.67	19.55
All grades.....	24,590	29,720			1,166	1,152	26.87	25.74
OMAHA								
Prime.....	342	131	1.9	.8	1,235	1,171	27.30	26.33
Choice.....	9,393	8,733	53.4	52.4	1,153	1,144	25.99	25.20
Good.....	7,172	7,002	40.8	42.0	1,117	1,156	24.18	23.54
Standard.....	544	675	3.1	4.1	1,096	1,111	21.59	20.73
Utility.....	149	122	.8	.7	1,010	1,044	20.20	18.60
All grades.....	17,600	16,663			1,137	1,147	25.12	24.28
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	160	134	1.4	1.0	1,208	1,189	26.89	26.31
Choice.....	7,113	8,485	62.0	61.7	1,156	1,147	25.99	25.04
Good.....	3,747	4,365	32.7	31.7	1,123	1,097	24.59	23.44
Standard.....	386	594	3.4	4.3	1,108	1,121	21.91	21.27
Utility.....	58	180	.5	1.3	1,040	1,033	20.20	18.99
All grades.....	11,464	13,758			1,144	1,129	25.39	24.32
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	6	25	.1	.4	1,180	1,088	27.00	27.50
Choice.....	1,309	1,917	21.5	33.0	1,140	1,150	26.08	25.02
Good.....	3,323	3,017	54.6	52.0	1,130	1,173	24.43	23.07
Standard.....	1,298	759	21.4	13.1	1,094	1,140	21.56	20.77
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	147	89	2.4	1.5	1,036	1,125	19.02	17.30
All grades.....	6,083	5,807			1,122	1,160	24.07	23.34
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	23	--	.5	--	1,119	--	27.75	--
Choice.....	939	756	18.8	12.8	1,071	1,094	26.26	25.98
Good.....	2,953	3,337	59.0	56.7	1,056	1,081	24.82	23.97
Standard.....	1,014	1,561	20.3	26.5	1,024	1,052	22.61	21.34
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	72	238	1.4	4.0	863	1,041	18.11	18.09
All grades.....	5,001	5,892			1,050	1,074	24.59	23.32
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,033	3,785	30.6	52.7	1,142	1,132	26.06	24.73
Good.....	4,109	2,682	61.8	37.3	1,123	1,096	24.17	22.84
Standard.....	487	721	7.3	10.0	1,034	1,085	21.42	20.05
Utility.....	20	--	.3	--	1,033	--	18.75	--
All grades.....	6,649	7,188			1,122	1,114	24.56	23.58
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	626	1,421	55.0	55.5	1,196	1,160	25.94	26.16
Good.....	476	1,102	41.8	43.0	1,129	1,177	24.67	24.84
Standard.....	37	28	3.2	1.1	1,153	1,031	19.89	18.66
Utility.....	--	11	--	.4	--	939	--	16.00
All grades.....	1,139	2,562			1,167	1,165	25.23	25.48

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	14,119	14,685	10,322	10,396	50,661	52,416	43,409	44,906
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	9,062	8,327	2,148	2,688	30,761	29,680	4,097	4,391
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	18,366	19,451	4,913	5,271	126,870	143,874	15,752	17,680
Chicago Area.....	17,011	18,353	8,795	8,260	41,511	37,191	7,256	8,175
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	31,245	32,548	28,957	29,567	119,748	181,563	22,909	19,962
St. Louis Area.....	11,893	12,529	1,728	2,656	76,091	100,749	6,114	6,989
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	21,866	25,105	--	--	120,349	150,368	13,971	23,188
Omaha Area.....	35,042	36,898	199	171	91,342	103,917	17,820	16,088
Kansas City.....	14,994	14,913	--	--	40,150	50,063	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	33,145	30,828	12,011	11,846	302,610	365,641	38,444	33,196
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's....	6,646	6,521	3,811	4,352	59,416	65,791	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area...	9,563	5,281	4,632	2,085	33,798	31,579	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,448	21,043	1,496	1,620	51,269	75,515	9,811	10,770
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	12,214	8,603	4,195	4,038	17,418	22,762	16,814	16,295
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	19,692	19,951	224	214	16,123	19,226	28,908	32,232
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	29,265	26,742	1,262	1,055	23,858	31,791	34,724	39,566
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	9,176	7,773	328	389	17,129	22,157	6,538	6,200
Total.....	312,747	309,551	85,021	84,608	1,219,104	1,484,283	266,567	279,638
Accumulation to date.....	14,748,236		3,377,449		52,839,972		11,835,060	
		13,448,110		3,168,945		55,128,054		11,115,893

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork		Lamb		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	(excl. lard) Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Dec. 3, 1960	385	229.1	120	13.4	1,400	197.1	295	13.9	453.5	--
Nov. 26, 1960	315	185.8	90	10.1	1,120	156.4	250	11.8	364.1	--
Nov. 12, 1960 1/	384	--	116	--	1,326	--	271	--	--	39.6
Dec. 5, 1959 1/	371	223.1	117	13.2	1,673	231.4	304	14.8	482.5	56.5
Percentage change from:										
Nov. 26, 1960	22	23	33	33	25	26	18	18	25	--
Dec. 5, 1959	4	3	3	2	-16	-15	-3	-6	-6	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		2/ Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Dec. 3, 1960	1035	595	200	112	247	141	99	47	--
Nov. 26, 1960	1035	590	200	112	245	140	98	47	--
Nov. 12, 1960	1015	573	205	115	240	138	98	47	--
Dec. 5, 1959	1047	601	198	113	242	138	100	49	14.0

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

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HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	18.08	12.74	--	17.97	12.98	16.95	12.18	18.19
200-220	18.28	12.86	17.01	--	17.94	12.97	17.65	12.50
220-240	18.18	12.52	16.98	--	17.87	12.86	17.65	12.50
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	17.90	12.50	16.72	--	17.68	12.47	17.22	12.00
220-240	17.72	12.20	16.66	--	17.58	12.33	17.18	12.00
240-270	17.50	11.80	16.36	--	17.20	11.85	16.98	11.60
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	17.92	12.45	16.14	11.34	17.78	12.64	16.65	11.48
200-220	18.12	12.60	16.83	11.90	17.78	12.64	17.30	12.25
220-240	17.96	12.32	16.80	11.68	17.67	12.50	17.30	12.25
240-270	17.65	11.97	16.48	11.25	17.34	12.02	17.20	11.72
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	--	--	15.36	10.42	15.62	10.40	15.78	10.35
330-400	15.00	9.95	14.73	9.90	15.12	10.15	15.10	9.72
400-550	13.85	9.20	13.61	8.91	13.95	9.38	14.40	9.12
Classification	South	St. Paul	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Baltimore
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	17.45	12.22	17.16	12.04	--	--	17.40	13.02
200-220	17.80	12.58	17.45	12.42	17.36	12.02	18.50	12.98
220-240	17.80	12.58	17.42	12.36	17.36	12.02	18.32	12.92
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	17.32	11.92	17.23	12.18	17.08	11.78	18.26	12.94
220-240	17.32	11.90	17.20	12.12	17.05	11.65	18.18	12.69
240-270	17.02	11.52	16.90	11.74	16.72	11.38	17.86	12.22
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	17.25	12.05	17.12	12.02	--	--	18.08	12.79
200-220	17.38	12.08	17.32	12.19	17.20	11.94	18.28	12.94
220-240	17.38	12.00	17.28	12.18	17.17	11.86	18.18	12.69
240-270	17.10	--	17.06	11.82	16.85	11.52	--	--
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	15.68	10.68	15.50	10.48	15.25	10.18	15.48	10.42
330-400	15.05	9.95	14.90	9.82	14.75	9.70	14.72	9.88
400-550	14.05	9.12	14.02	8.88	14.00	8.82	13.95	9.12
Feeder pigs - All wts.								
Good and Choice	16.85	10.00	15.97	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 3, 1960	17.72	17.54	17.18	17.26	17.06	17.20	17.18	17.84	17.36
	Nov. 26, 1960	18.05	18.06	17.44	17.24	17.14	17.29	17.44	18.21	17.60
	Dec. 5, 1959	12.22	12.34	12.09	11.99	11.91	12.09	11.83	12.57	12.10
Sows	Dec. 3, 1960	14.04	14.27	14.34	14.55	14.16	14.47	14.24	14.12	14.27
	Nov. 26, 1960	14.41	14.90	14.52	14.77	14.38	14.63	14.66	14.59	14.64
	Dec. 5, 1959	9.31	9.63	9.53	9.40	9.01	9.69	9.32	9.13	9.35
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 3, 1960	231	226	237	239	239	235	232	229	233
	Nov. 26, 1960	232	223	234	239	240	234	233	229	233
	Dec. 5, 1959	233	222	231	237	235	227	228	227	230
Sows	Dec. 3, 1960	446	406	433	441	430	423	416	455	431
	Nov. 26, 1960	449	398	426	433	437	412	408	467	427
	Dec. 5, 1959	411	412	424	427	433	398	410	444	425
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 3, 1960	34468	54029	16652	47794	43730	29938	48017	29916	304544
	Nov. 26, 1960	21686	39382	11497	32663	29295	20576	30442	19580	205121
	Dec. 5, 1959	44599	65911	16605	57975	57314	32926	65301	36305	376936
Sows	Dec. 3, 1960	4357	5290	1416	6715	5124	2541	6239	4707	36389
	Nov. 26, 1960	2135	3719	1048	4145	3082	1789	4494	2852	23264
	Dec. 5, 1959	7093	7561	1668	7425	5312	2930	7576	5365	44930
SOWS		Percentage of total								
	Dec. 3, 1960	11	9	8	12	10	8	11	14	11
	Nov. 26, 1960	9	9	8	11	10	8	13	13	10
	Dec. 5, 1959	14	10	9	11	8	8	10	13	11

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Dec. 3, 1960	\$20.09	\$18.12	\$1.97
Nov. 26, 1960	20.24	18.46	1.78
Dec. 5, 1959	15.00	12.60	2.40

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 3, 1960	17.72	95.5	18.6
Nov. 26, 1960	18.05	91.9	19.6
Dec. 5, 1959	12.22	109.1	11.2

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading for greasy domestic worsted wools at the Boston market was slow. Approximately 4 cars of mostly medium fleece wools were sold at steady prices. Woolen wools and noils were slow with prices steady to firm. Sales were limited in the territory and fleece wool States. Trading in Texas was dull with prices on good 12 months wool firm.

Cabled reports from Australia at midweek showed the market steady to strong with Japan and the Continent dominating and England supporting. Results of the Wellington, New Zealand sale November 25 showed prices steady to strong, except slightly easier on carpet wools. The South African auctions were steady to strong with Italy, Germany and the Continent active and some buying on the part of the United States and England. The South American markets were slow with Argentine carpet wool prices slightly easier.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s average to good French combing fleece wool sold around \$1.05 clean basis; average to good French combing 60/62s brought about \$1.01. Graded 56/58s baby combing wool sold around \$1.03 and staple 50/54s at \$1.05 clean basis.

Territory Wools - A small volume of Wyoming lambs wool brought 33¢ grease basis, f.o.b.

Texas Wools - Occasional small sales of 12 months wools were made in Texas at \$1.16-1.18 clean basis, delivered Boston; fall wool ranged from 87-90¢ clean basis, delivered.

Mohair - A fair volume of adult mohair was purchased in Texas at 81½¢ to the warehouse while adult and kid in small lots brought 81½¢ and \$1.16½ respectively. Straight kid mohair was scarce with a small volume sold at \$1.48-1.50 to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Trading for spot foreign wools was very slow. A greasy Montevideo super skirted 60/64s sold for shipment around \$1.20 clean basis, duty paid. Cabled quotations from foreign markets at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.05	17 - \$1.01
12 - 1.03	22 - .99
47 - 1.00	23 - .97
48 - .98	27 - .94
52 - .98	28 - .92
53 - .96	32 - .89
	33 - .87

Australia	
Oil-combed	
77 - \$1.06	422 - \$1.01
78 - 1.04	423 - .95
79 - .99	424 - .92
80 - .95	425 - .89

New Zealand Oil-combed

86 - 88¢	107 - 82¢
93 - 86¢	114 - 81¢
834 - 84¢	128 - 81¢
100 - 83¢	

Montevideo Super Skirted - 64s - 95¢,
60/64s 94¢, 60s - 92¢, 58/60s - 89¢, 58/56s - 87¢, 50/56s - 85¢.

Carpet Wools - Sales of spot carpet wools were dull. A spot lot of greasy New Zealand fleeces sold at 78¢ clean fibers present. There was an easier tone in all foreign carpet wool centers. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip carpet wools were quoted at 72-74¢ clean fibers present for shipment while New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered at 77-78¢. Approximately 5,765 bales of Pakistan/India wools will be auctioned at Liverpool, England on December 7.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

56/58s 1½-2½" stained 96¢

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

58/60s	2-2½"	choice	\$1.03
58s	1½-2½"	stained	.95
56/58s	3"	and up choice	\$1.07-1.08
56/58s	2-3"	choice	1.03

Greasy Pulled Foreign (Clean basis)

Arg.	58/60s	1½-3"	choice	\$1.08
Arg.	44/40s	4-7"	choice	.79-.80

Noils

Choice Aust.	62s nobles	86¢
Ave. Aust.	62s nobles	78¢
Domestic	62s French	62¢
Domestic	60s nobles	77¢

Wool Tops - Trading in wool tops was slow. There were occasional sales of domestic oil-combed fleece 54s around \$1.39 and domestic combed B.A. 36/40s in oil around \$1.11-1.12 with a light interest in fine tops.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Dec. 1, 1960
(Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

December wool tops	- \$1.475
March wool tops	- 1.468
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
December wool	- 1.090
March wool	- 1.120
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Broad outlets for fresh meats failed to materialize to the extent anticipated in wholesale circles, as sellers felt that retail stocks of red meats and pork would need replenishing in the wake of relatively small pre-holiday store inventories. Trading was moderately active at best, with clearance incomplete at some markets. Some beef and pork was carried at Philadelphia, while at New York about 15 percent of the lamb supply was unsold. Beef ribs moved promptly, and demand was mostly good for rounds, plates, and briskets, but only fair for chucks, hinds and loins. Best action at New York was on the closing session, with fairly large sales of beef consigned to storage rails for future delivery. Chain store buyers were most aggressive for lamb, veal and pork cuts other than pork loins. However, lamb ribs and loins were extremely slow at New York under a very poor demand. Supplies of all classes were near normal, except moderate at Philadelphia.

Steer beef sold steady to \$2.00 higher, bulk 50¢-\$2.00 up; cow beef steady to \$1.50 higher; veal and calf steady to \$2.00 higher, with both classes fully \$1.00 up at New York. Lamb sold steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork loins were steady to \$2.00 lower, except steady to \$1.00 higher at Philadelphia. Other pork cuts closed mostly steady.

Kosher steer beef sold strong to 50¢ higher; lamb weak to \$2.00 lower. Kosher veal and calf sold \$1.00 higher.

CHICAGO - Supplies of fresh meats were moderate but adequate following the holiday week. Good and Choice grades comprised the bulk of the beef supply. Trading for steer and heifer beef was moderately active and prices advanced for the second consecutive week. Beef rounds and ribs were active to all outlets with chucks also clearing fairly well. Beef loins were rather slow. Veal was moderately active and followed a higher trend for the first time since early September with the advance confined to carcasses grading Good to Prime. A fair demand prevailed for lamb. Demand was fair for Boston butts on Tuesday, otherwise the fresh pork trade was slow. The substantial price advance of last week on pork loins was more than erased. Clearance of all classes was fairly complete. Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 higher; Good to Prime veal \$1.00-3.00 higher, Standard fully steady; lamb steady to \$1.00 higher; pork loins \$4.00-4.50 lower; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00 lower; spareribs 3# down 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading was generally active for all meats. A curtailed supply and good demand prompted higher prices in the beef division.

There was a good demand for a rather limited supply of calf and veal. Lamb was barely adequate for the demand. Trading on pork was active in the Northwest, but slow in California. Steer beef sold strong to \$1.00 higher, instances \$2.00 higher in San Francisco; cow beef strong to \$1.00 higher; calf and veal strong to \$4.00 higher, advance mainly in San Francisco. Lamb sold mostly steady, instances \$1.00 higher in the Northwest. Fresh pork was uneven, loins and hams steady to \$1.00 higher with other fresh cuts weak to \$2.00 lower. Smoked hams sold steady to \$2.00 higher, instances \$4.00 up in the Northwest; bacon \$1.00-2.00 higher in the Northwest but weak to \$1.00 lower in Los Angeles, other cured pork steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY -

Prices for beef advanced on below normal supplies with demand only moderately good for steer beef, but good for heifer and cow beef. Demand for lamb was moderately good, although prices declined on above normal supplies. Fully normal supplies of pork met a rather poor demand and prices declined. Clearance was complete on beef and lamb but only fair on pork cuts. Choice steer beef closed 25-50¢ higher, Good steady to 25¢ higher; Choice heifer beef \$1.00 higher, Good 25-50¢ higher; cow beef \$1.00 higher. Choice including some Prime lamb 25-75¢ lower. Pork loins closed \$3.50 lower; fresh hams steady to \$1.00 lower; Boston butts 50¢-\$1.00 off. Pork sides were uneven, mostly steady to 35¢ lower.

Closing prices: Choice 600-700# steer beef closed at \$41.75-42.50; 700-800# \$40.75-41.50; Good 600-700# \$38.75-40.00, high-Good \$40.25-41.00; Good 700-800# \$38.00-39.50. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$40.00-41.00; Good \$37.50-39.00; Utility cow beef \$29.00-29.50, few carlots \$30.00. Choice including some Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses \$35.50-37.25, few carlots 35-45# in the eastern section \$38.50-39.50. Pork loins \$42.00-43.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$44.00-45.00, 14-16# \$41.50-42.50; Boston butts 4-8# \$31.50-32.50. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$24.65-25.80, bulk \$24.65-25.25, 155-175# \$24.50-25.60, bulk \$24.50-25.00.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York, and Philadelphia. Trading for carlots of fresh meats was moderately active with price advances recorded on all classes except lamb and pork loins. This marked the second straight week of higher prices on beef. Steer beef closed 50¢-\$1.50 higher, instances steady at Denver; heifer beef was strong to \$1.25 higher; cow beef \$1.00-2.00 higher. Lamb sold steady to \$2.00 lower; pork loins \$3.00-4.00 off.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Dec. 5
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.75	49.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.75	45.50	44.00	42.81	39.88	42.85	39.50	42.00
	700-800	44.75	44.00	42.62	41.38	38.50	41.00	38.38	40.00
Good	500-600	42.25	43.25	41.62	40.88	39.12	42.00	38.81	41.00
	600-700	43.00	43.75	41.62	40.88	37.38	39.50	37.81	39.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	42.44	--	39.50	--	39.44	--
	600-700	--	--	42.44	--	38.00	--	38.50	--
Good	500-600	--	--	40.38	--	--	--	38.00	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	55.00	60.50	52.88	53.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	49.00	48.75	47.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	40.50	44.00	41.75	42.00	49.50	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.60	42.00	40.50	--	39.50	--	39.25	40.50
Choice	45-55	41.60	40.40	40.50	39.12	39.50	40.00	39.25	40.50
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	49.90	38.35	46.38	34.50	53.50	41.00	49.25	37.50
Butts	4-8	38.60	31.30	35.50	27.10	43.00	33.75	41.88	34.50
Spareribs	3# down	42.00	34.00	37.50	30.50	44.50	37.00	40.00	34.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	49.00	41.00	54.50	49.50	52.00	51.50	51.50	50.12
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		48.50	35.50	54.50	38.00	55.12	40.50	52.62	40.25
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	33.00	29.50	33.75	32.00	32.50	31.00	33.00	30.25
Lard, 1# carton		16.50	13.00	15.75	12.00	17.00	15.50	16.00	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DEC. 2, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	42.00-43.00	41.50-42.00	41.75-42.25	44.00-45.00	44.00-45.00
	700-800	41.50-42.00	40.50-41.00	40.75-41.25	43.00-44.00	43.00-44.00
	800-900	40.50-41.00	39.00-39.50	39.50-39.75	42.50-43.00	42.00-42.50
Good	500-600	39.50-40.50	--	--	42.50-43.50	--
	600-700	39.50-40.50	37.00-40.00	39.25-39.75	42.00-43.00	40.50-43.00
	700-800	39.00-40.00	37.00-40.00	38.50-39.25	41.50-42.50	40.00-42.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	40.50-41.00	41.50	39.50-40.25	--	--
	600-700	40.50-41.00	38.75-40.00	39.50-40.25	--	42.00-43.50
Good	500-600	39.00-39.50	--	38.00-38.50	--	--
	600-700	39.00-39.50	--	38.00-38.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.00-30.00	28.50-29.50	28.50-29.00	--	30.00-32.00
Canner and Cutter		29.00-30.00	--	28.00-29.00	--	30.00-31.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	38.00-39.00	34.50-37.50	36.25	39.00-41.00	39.50-41.00
	45-55	36.00-38.00	34.50-37.50	36.25	38.00-39.50	39.00-40.00
	55-65	34.50-36.00	33.00	--	36.00-37.00	38.00-39.00
Choice	35-45	38.00-39.00	34.50-37.50	36.25	39.00-41.00	39.50-41.00
	45-55	36.00-38.00	34.50-37.50	36.25	38.00-39.50	39.00-40.00
	55-65	34.50-36.00	33.00	--	36.00-37.00	38.00-39.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	43.00-44.00	--	42.50-43.50	--	44.00-45.00

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1960 ^{1/}

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally inspected	Other Com- mercial	Total	Av. live weight	Federally inspected	Other Com- mercial	Total	Av. live weight
	Thousand head		Pounds		Thousand head		Pounds	
Oct. 1960	1,745.7	493.2	2,238.9	995	516.2	285.8	802.0	220
Oct. 1959	1,586.1	499.9	2,086.0	1,002	471.2	277.1	748.3	215
Jan-Oct. 1960 ^{2/} ...	16,193.6	4,836.3	21,029.9	1,003	4,306.6	2,453.4	6,760.0	225
Jan-Oct. 1959 ^{2/} ...	14,444.6	4,587.6	19,032.2	1,014	3,980.9	2,320.2	6,301.1	216
Hogs				Sheep and lambs				
Oct. 1960	5,407.1	1,045.2	6,452.3	234	1,352.7	172.7	1,525.4	96
Oct. 1959	6,646.4	1,199.0	7,845.4	233	1,200.1	176.1	1,376.2	97
Jan-Oct. 1960 ^{2/} ...	54,693.5	10,678.1	65,371.6	235	11,729.9	1,552.9	13,282.8	98
Jan-Oct. 1959 ^{2/} ...	55,402.0	10,448.3	65,850.3	236	11,214.2	1,429.0	12,643.2	98

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, OCT. 1960 ^{1/}

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork ^{2/}	Lamb and mutton	Total meat ^{2/}	Lard ^{3/}
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Oct. 1960	1,259	98	884	70	2,311	192
Oct. 1959	1,186	92	1,060	64	2,402	238
Jan-Oct. 1960 ...	12,003	853	8,943	629	22,428	2,004
Jan-Oct. 1959 ...	10,993	769	8,978	603	21,343	2,106

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

^{3/} Includes rendered pork fat.

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MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH
SPECIFICATIONS -- BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ^{1/}

Grade	Beef		Veal and Calf		Lamb and mutton	
	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime.....	20,933	19,237	71	87	3,552	205
Choice.....	424,730	428,676	2,816	3,155	24,097	19,268
Good.....	140,541	147,344	12,275	12,910	622	2,457
Standard.....	15,699	14,863	2,908	2,480	--	--
Commercial.....	4,768	4,971	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	26,377	5,737	260	211	32	109
Cutter.....	1,058	833	--	--	--	--
Canner.....	119	129	--	--	--	--
Cull.....	--	--	3	11	1	5
Total.....	634,226	621,790	18,332	18,853	28,303	22,044
Bull and stag beef..	700	693				
All other meats and lard.....	14,356	13,396				

^{1/} Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Nov.15 1960	Oct.15 1960	Sept.15 1960	Nov.15 1959	Average Jan. 1947- Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.60	16.90	15.60	12.10	21.90
All beef cattle	" "	"	19.40	19.10	19.50	20.20	20.20
Cows	" "	"	13.10	12.90	13.80	13.40	--
Steers and heifers	" "	"	22.20	21.30	21.50	23.20	--
Calves	" "	"	21.40	20.80	20.90	23.70	22.60
Sheep	" "	"	4.81	4.69	4.75	5.25	9.15
Lambs	" "	"	15.90	16.30	16.70	17.20	21.90
Wool ^{2/}	Per lb.	"	.390	.395	.400	.432	.460
Corn	Per bu.	"	.866	.991	1.06	.982	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.588	.597	.601	.669	.852
Barley	" "	"	.793	.843	.817	.879	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	20.60	20.20	19.60	21.00	22.40
Cottonseed	" "	"	44.40	42.60	39.20	38.80	71.60
							Nov. 1949-58
Hog-corn price ratio ^{3/} -							
United States	Bushel		19.2	17.1	14.7	12.3	13.8
N. Central States	"		20.5	17.7	15.2	12.6	14.1
Iowa	"		22.0	17.7	15.5	13.2	--
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							1947-49
All farm products			241	240	237	231	271
Feed grains and hay			136	147	152	150	230
Meat animals			289	288	285	276	334
Prices paid by farmers -							
All commodities			274	274	274	275	240

^{1/} Estimates of Crop Reporting Board.^{2/} Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.^{3/} Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight.EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL ^{1/}

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices ^{2/}	Effective parity prices ^{3/} based on data for		
				Nov. 1960	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1959
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	7.14	21.20	21.20	21.60
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.92	23.50	23.50	23.10
Calves	" "	"	8.75	26.00	26.00	25.40
Lambs	" "	"	8.55	25.40	25.40	25.60
Wool	Per lb.	"	^{4/} .248	.737	.737	.719
Corn	" bu.	"	.545	1.62	1.62	^{5/} 1.71
Oats	" "	"	.281	.835	.835	.835
Barley	" "	"	.424	1.26	1.26	1.28
Cottonseed	" ton	"	^{4/} 22.40	66.50	66.50	66.80

^{1/} Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.^{2/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1950-December 1959 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 255 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.^{3/} Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.^{4/} Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1950-59 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).^{5/} Transitional parity, nonbasic commodities 45 percent (50 percent during 1959) of parity price computed under formula in use prior to January 1, 1950.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down							
Prime Dec. 3, 1960	18.00	--	17.35	--	--	16.75	--
Dec. 5, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice Dec. 3, 1960	17.38	17.52	16.68	16.75	17.50	16.00	16.50
Dec. 5, 1959	17.98	18.08	17.85	17.05	18.00	17.18	17.25
Good Dec. 3, 1960	15.82	16.22	15.72	16.15	16.12	15.25	15.50
Dec. 5, 1959	17.08	17.20	17.05	16.55	17.48	16.48	16.50
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.							
Good and Dec. 3, 1960	5.50	4.38	4.75	--	5.88*	5.38	4.88
Choice Dec. 5, 1959	4.60	5.42	--	--	5.38*	4.25	5.00
Cull and Dec. 3, 1960	5.00	4.50	3.88	5.70*	4.75*	4.00	3.75
Utility Dec. 5, 1959	3.75	4.08	--	6.40*	3.75*	2.50	3.50
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.							
Good and Dec. 3, 1960	--	15.75	--	15.00	16.95	15.00	14.62
Choice Dec. 5, 1959	--	17.25	--	14.40	18.38	15.50	14.75

* Shorn basis.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
October 1960, with comparisons

USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

Month and period	Canada	Mexico
	1960	1959
	Head	Head
October	27,214	39,509
Jan.-Oct	199,242	280,940
		1960
		Head
		7,441
		253,560
		1959
		Head
		7,723
		291,936

Note: During Jan.-Oct. this year 1,783 sheep and 14,375 hogs were received from Canada compared with 11,380 sheep and 4,352 hogs a year ago.